

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0031] of the originally filed application as reflected in the following, marked-up version of the paragraph:

[0031] Note that each client can perform some act with regard to the electronic message before it is sent to the next client. The acts performed by the clients are typically related to the sequential distribution of the electronic message. For example, the user might submit an expense report to client A for approval in step 121. In step 122, the electronic message is then sent to client B in the accounting department. Finally, in step 123, the electronic document is sent to client C, who is responsible for archiving. The point is that the acts performed by the clients or intended recipients do not occur contemporaneously in the example, but instead occur sequentially. However, in other contexts, the user could specify that copies of an electronic message are to be sent to two or more recipients at the same time. The routing instruction by which the route of the electronic message is defined can be flexible enough to enable the message to be sent to recipients sequentially, simultaneously, or otherwise.